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53A-17a-126.5 Grants for unsafe routes.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.
 - (b) "Transportation Advisory Committee" means the review committee for addressing school transportation needs described in Subsection 53A-17a-127(5).
 - (c) "Unsafe route" means a route between a student's residence and school that is:
 - (i) shorter than a distance described in:
 - (A) Subsection 53A-17a-127(1)(a) for a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade 6; or
 - (B) Subsection 53A-17a-127(1)(b) for a student enrolled in grades 7 through 12; and
 - (ii) due to a health or safety concern, dangerous for a student to walk.
- (2) Subject to legislative appropriations for grants for unsafe routes provided under this section, the board shall:
 - (a) solicit proposals from school districts to receive a grant; and
 - (b) award grants to school districts.
- (3) To receive a grant under this section, a school district shall submit a proposal to the board that:
 - (a) describes an unsafe route for which the school district intends to receive a grant;
 - (b) includes a written statement from the following describing why the route is unsafe:
 - (i) the school district;
 - (ii) local law enforcement; and
 - (iii) the municipality or county in which the described route is located; and
 - (c) includes other information as required by the board.
- (4)
 - (a) The Transportation Advisory Committee shall:
 - (i) evaluate a proposal submitted to the board under Subsection (3); and
 - (ii) make recommendations to the board regarding whether to fund the proposal.
 - (b) The board shall consider the recommendations of the Transportation Advisory Committee before awarding a grant described in Subsection (2)(b).
- (5) In awarding a grant under this section, the board may not:
 - (a) contribute an amount exceeding 85% of the cost of an unsafe route funded by the grant; or
 - (b) award more than 15% of the appropriation under this section to a particular school district.
- (6) The Transportation Advisory Committee shall:
 - (a) review each year an unsafe route funded by a grant; and
 - (b) make a recommendation to the board regarding whether the board, subject to legislative appropriations, should renew the grant.
- (7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules to implement the grant program described in this section.

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